

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 270

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the Attorney General for the State.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following language, to be designated as subsection "(a)":

(a) At the November 2020 general election and every four years thereafter, an attorney general for the state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state. The attorney general shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible for election to more than two four-year terms. The attorney general shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years immediately preceding his or her election, and shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee. The attorney general may investigate and initiate criminal prosecution of cases involving corruption of a public official and cases involving misuse of office by a public official and shall perform other duties as are authorized or required by law. Upon ratification of this subsection at the November 2018 general election, the justices of the supreme court shall retain power to appoint the attorney general

until an interim attorney general is popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state on the first Tuesday in May 2019. The interim attorney general shall serve until a successor is elected at the November 2020 general election.

And that Article VI, Section 5 be further amended by designating the remainder of the section as subsection "(b)".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state and to the director of the office of legislative information services.